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Storm unleashes its furies – rain, hail and high wind

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

First there was the rain.

Torrents of rain ran like rivers down the sides of streets and roads, carving out wash-outs where there was gravel and overloading the storm sewers in Haliburton village.

Sheets of rain pounded into lakes and rivers, whipping up a froth deserving of the finest cup of cappuccino. It arrived so instantly, so ferociously, people were instantly soaked as they ran for cover.

Then there was the hail.

Hail the size of golf balls, of tennis balls, and, some say, the size of softballs. Big or small, the hail was like a blast of bullets, pock-marking cars, smashing through windows and skylights, tearing holes through any lawn furniture left outside.

Some hail was spiky, some hail looked as if several small clusters had melted together. Lots of the hail is now in people's freezers, to be taken out to show just how bad it was to disbelieving friends or relatives.

And then, as if the rain and hail werenn't bad enough, there was the wind.

Bursts of wind knocking down trees on Stanhope's 25th Concession, making it look like giants had been playing pick-up sticks, only this time the sticks were trees. Wind that blew two large trees onto the roof of Tom and Cheryl Curry's house just north of Haliburton, leaving a big hole that had to be mended once they figured out how you get a tree off your house. The wind that damaged their home also uprooted several trees along the path to Tom's parents' home, where a storage shed lay crumpled under their branches.

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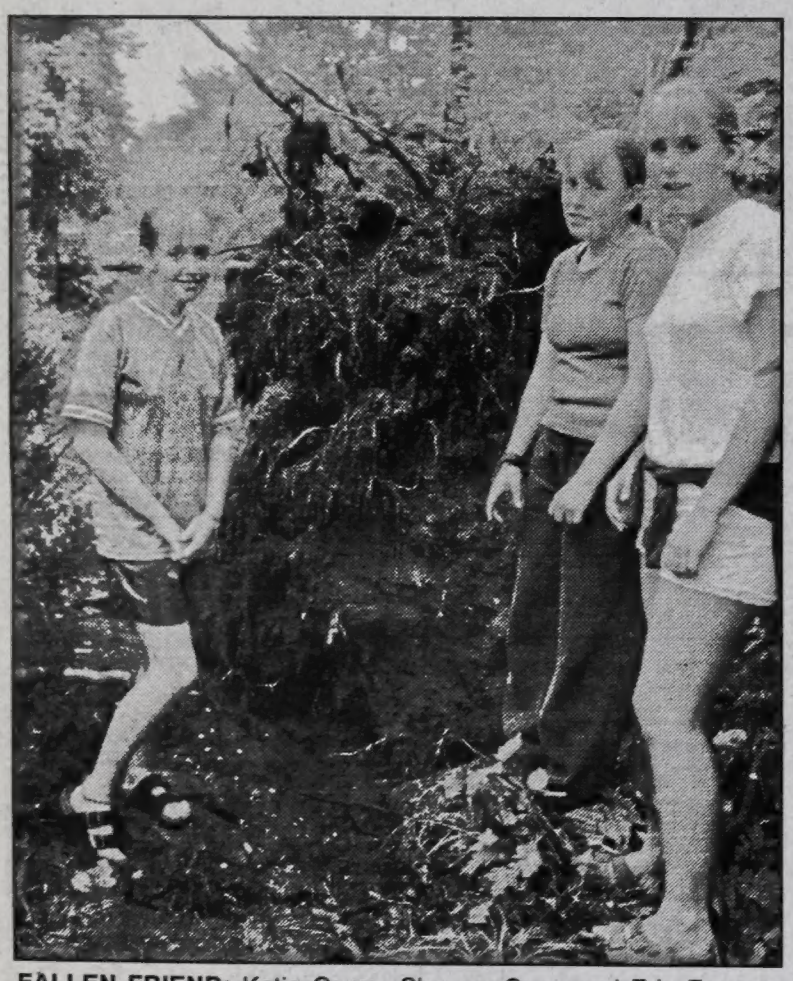
ALL THE FUN OF THE FAIR: This team of Clydesdale horses put on an impressive show in the light draft competition at the Haliburton County Fair in Minden on Saturday. The team is owned and driven by Paul Starr of Cambray. For more fair photos see page 17.



FALLEN FRIEND: Katie Carey, Shawna Curry and Erin Fearrey stand beside a tree which was toppled on the the pathway between Shawna's house and her grandparents' on Hwy 118.

Sewer line celebrates its first flush

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

The first time the bulldozer's claw broke through the ground in front of Wigamog Inn, it nicked a water line.

Once that damage was fixed, the bulldozer tried it again. This time, even though inspectors had previously approved the excavation site, the claw nicked a Bell telephone cable, cutting off phone service to people farther west along the North Kashagawigamog Lake Road.

It was a bit of an inauspicious start to hooking up to the new, $2-million sewer line along the lake's north shore, but it should be smooth flushing from now on.

"It's a great answer for us, a great relief," says Art Ward, whose daughter Kim and son-in-law Christopher Grossman now own the busy resort, plus the neighbouring Moose. (No cameras were allowed for the first flush...)

With so many people staying in the lodge's main buildings and 24 cabins, there's been quite a strain on Wigamog's 28 septic systems over the years. During the high season, the systems had to be pumped out three times a day. "That's why I have a small crying towel for Murray (French)," Ward says as the owner of Sam French Pumping pulls away after one of his last visits to the resort.

Wigamog was the first property along the new line to hook up, and by the end of fall, it hopes for all its buildings to be on line. It's going to take a lot of work, though.

The line runs along Hwy. 121 west of Haliburton Village, along Kashaga Drive, Peninsula Drive and North Kashagawigamog Lake Road to Willow Beach Cottages. Property owners have two years to hook up, and that means digging a hole six feet down to the connection. Then they have to dig the trench along their property to where it can hook up with the indoor plumbing. A lot of excavators are going to be kept very busy whenever there's no frost in the ground.

Not only do property owners have to pay for the excavation work, but there's also a one-time fee, based on usage and

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Police services $100 a household

by MARIA CALABRESE
Staff Reporter

It's estimated that Haliburton County taxpayers might dole out an extra $100 on their next tax assessment now that the province has downloaded responsibility of police services onto municipalities.

The overall cost for Ontario Provincial Police services for 1998 is being based on the calls for service over the past year. These calls were averaged out according to the number of households.

Haliburton County has the lowest police services bill in the province relative the lower numbers of staff available to be dispatched, said Andy Miller, OPP staff sergeant at Minden. He also said the high number of cottagers who will contribute to the

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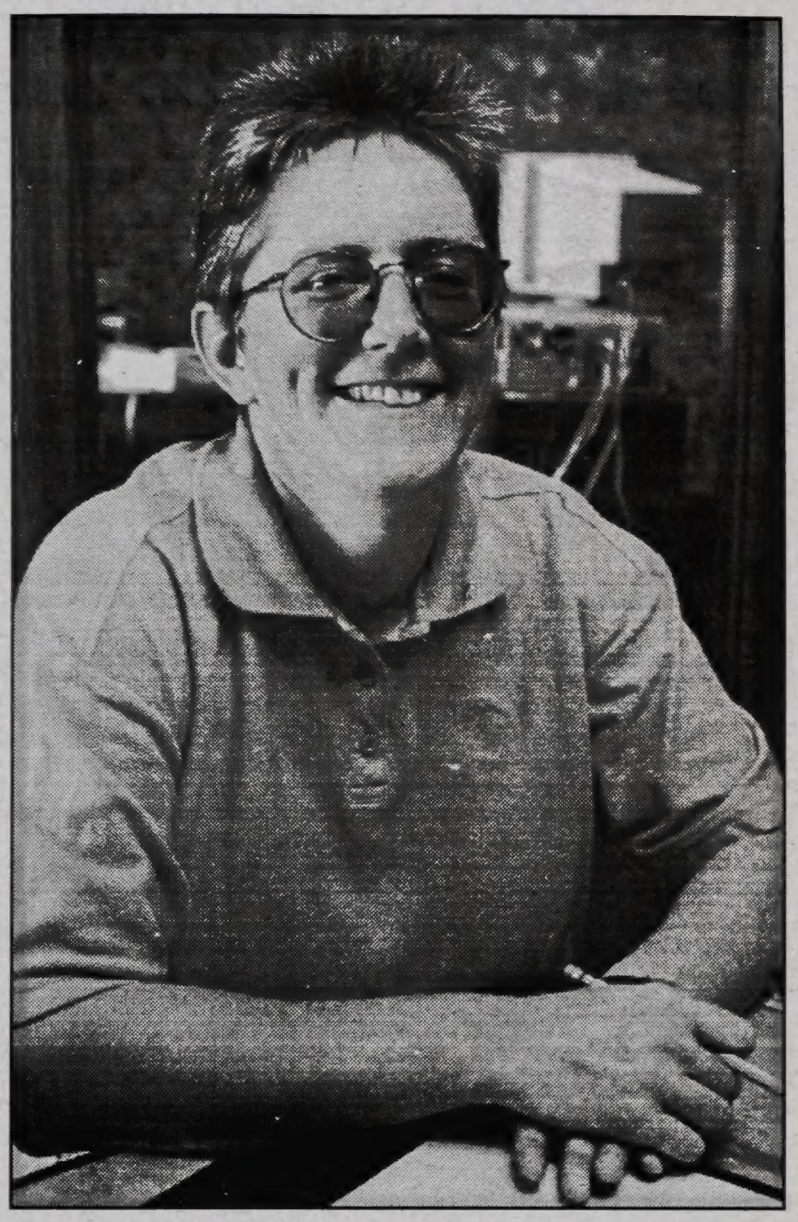
Avian Contractors win award

HERE, THERE & EVERYWHERE

News about people and events in Haliburton County

Congratulations to John and Lindsay Beaudry of Ingoldsby for their recent success in the National Magazine Awards. The Beaudrys, otherwise known as "Avian Contracting" or birdhouse makers extraordinaire, won an honourable mention along with three other artists for their contribution to "Make Your Sign a Cottage Classic", a cover story for *Cottage Life* magazine (which deservedly won many awards once again this year.) The Honourable Mention award was in the "How To" category.

Congratulations also to Jonathan Bryn Lyr (aka John Gallagher), who will be appearing as a small-time hood named Nick in CBC's new soap opera series, "Riverdale." Bryn Lyr, who's uncle to Haliburton's Trevor and Gillian Ottley, can also bee seen in an upcoming episode of TVO's "Ghostwriter" series for children. This is a welcome, temporary change from his ongoing Shakespearean roles with Toronto's Tempest Theatre at the Annex Theatre.



A FAMILIAR FACE SAYS GOODBYE: Since August 31, 1983, visitors to the *Echo* office have often been greeted by Deborah Bates. In that time, she has helped thousands of people with their classifieds, subscriptions and accounts, mastering our accounting system and who-does-what in a newspaper office. When she first arrived, the Donald native had just returned from working at British Columbia, and came to the *Echo* from the Rails' End Gallery. Well, Deb has been lured away by the promise of the city and last Monday was her last day of work here. Excited by the move and the possibilities it holds for her, like us, she was also sad to see an era end. We'll miss her and wish her happiness and success in Toronto.

Family of four injured in Kennisis Lake Road accident Friday night

Dysart et al firefighters used the Jaws of Life to rescue a family of four on the Kennisis Lake Road on Friday night.

The couple and their three-month-old and six-year-old children were driving towards West Guilford when their car was approached by a van pulling a trailer of sailboats for the BOOM training program. The van was rounding the corner at Silver City when the trailer tipped over.

The accident occurred around the supper hour.

Luckily, the family's injuries were not life threatening.

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EXTRAVAGANZA...

■ *Games night at Sunny Rock Lodge this Thursday is a fun way to raise money to help special needs kids get assistance they need*

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Laughter is often the best medicine for life's woes, but it's also going to beneficial for children with special needs.

Sally Moore of Sunny Rock Lodge is expecting laughter in abundance when she hosts the 2nd Annual Loonie Extravaganza this Thursday night. By the end of the evening, she's also expecting to be able to make a sizable donation to the Tim Heming Memorial Bursary and a yet-to-be determined second charity.

"The music of life for me is laughter so if I can create that environment, I'm in my glory," she says. "This is so outrageous, it's fun."

The bursary was set up by Tim's parents, who knew what it was like to go through the red tape that was often required to get their son the assistance he needed. Given the outpouring and love for the young boy, who died following surgery complications two years ago, they wanted the memorial donations to help other children throughout the county get what they need to lead a normal life at school and home.

Moore, who bought the Hemings' house and restored it to its former glory as a bed and breakfast retreat, has held several fundraising events for the bursary, and the Loonie Extravaganza is a trade-marked event that leaves everyone a winner.

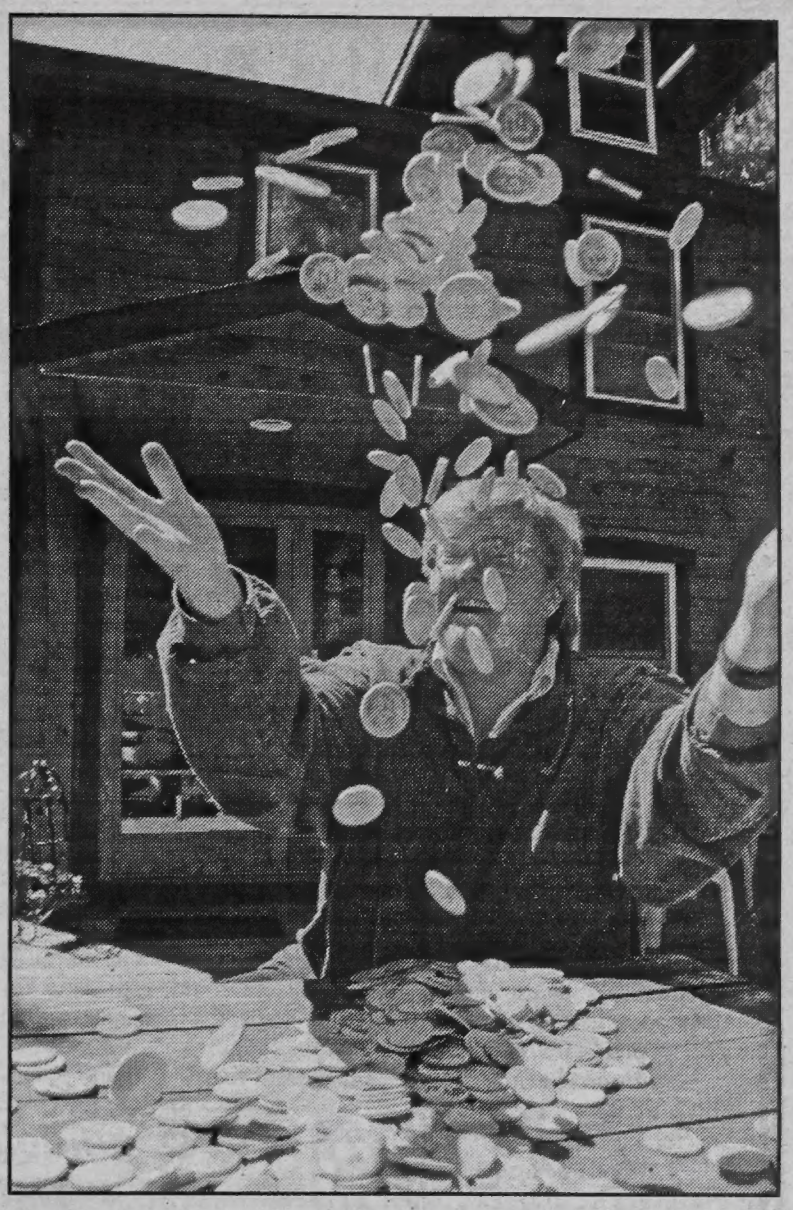
When people arrive on Thursday, starting at 6:30, they make a donation at the door, and this donation entitles them to several Sunny Rock Chips (otherwise known as wooden nickels). They take these chips to the 15 to 20 games scattered throughout the historic log house. If they want more chips, they are available – at a price.

The winner of each game is given two numbered tickets. One ticket you put in your pocket (for the 9 p.m. prize draw) and the corresponding ticket you put into the draw prize jar. Draw prizes will be varied, and also donated. (Moore wants people to go into their "for now" room and find something they're willing to donate as a prize. What's a "for now" room. "When you don't have room for something, you put it in the room 'for now.'" If you have something you'd like to donate, please call her at 286-4922.)

"The more chips you have, the more games you can play, the more tickets you can win to be eligible for the super prizes," says Moore, a former camp director who thought up the Loonie Extravaganza several years ago.

People who have a favourite local charity also have the chance to be an even bigger winner. When you arrive and make your donation, you're asked to put the name of the charity on a slip of paper. At the end of the evening, a charity will be drawn from the bowl.

If you'd like a few laughs and to feel good about helping families, please RSVP by phoning Sunny Rock Lodge at 286-4922.



AN EXTRAVAGANZA: On Thursday night, Sally Moore is hosting the 2nd Annual Loonie Extravaganza at Sunny Rock Lodge to raise money for the Tim Heming Bursary Fund and another charity.

Swing band drums up support for 4Cs and hospital

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Big band, big sound and a big boost for the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary and the 4Cs.

On Saturday, August 23, the 20 members of the Greater Toronto Area Swing Band are donating their formidable talents at two fundraising concerts at the Head Lake Bandshell.

The band, formed in 1996 and conducted by Vic Bland, will live up to its name and come out swinging with some of the best known and loved music of the '40s, '50s, '60s and '70s. Of course, big band music reigned in those early years and those songs are among the favourites of the band's founder, Norm Borofsky.

"I love the music," he says. He also yearned to be able to play it. Although he enjoys being in a concert band, it doesn't have the full repertoire of the big band music he knew from his youth, and so he formed the new band, which has since played in such venues as the 200th Anniversary of Yonge Street and a fundraiser for Sunnybrook.

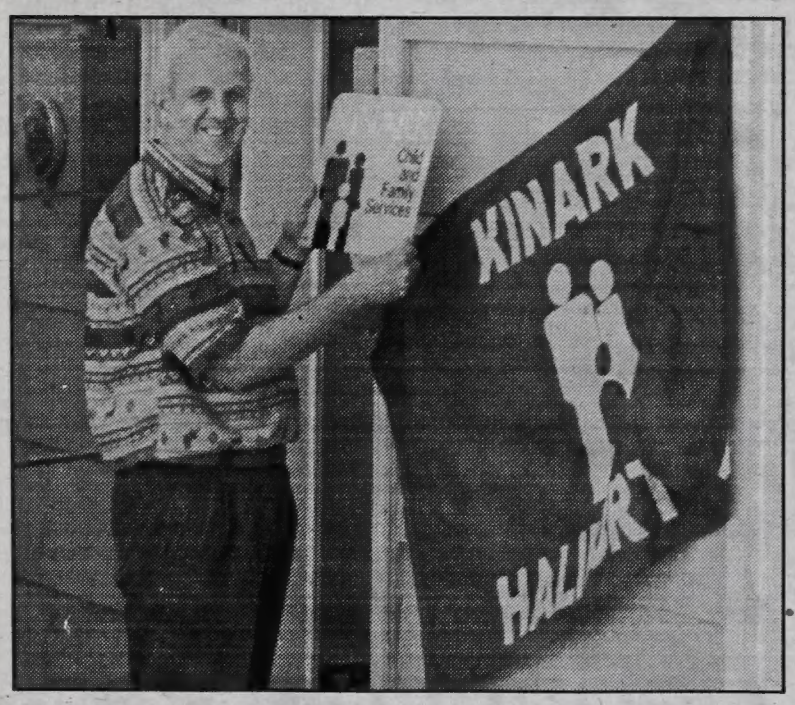
The musicians are either retired professionals or dedicated amateurs and Borofsky credits much of the band's growing success to the talent and dedication of conductor Bland. "He's so, so important to the band," Borofsky says of the York University music professor. "He's such a marvellous instruction and he's made us into something that's getting better and better. It's a wonderful situation."

Two band members are lead trumpet player Craig Thompson and his wife Maggie, who's lead saxophone. Thompson is the son of Bob and Lynn Thompson of Soyers Lake and as many people will remember, Bob was named as Highlander of the Year last year for his years of volunteer service to the 4Cs, which operates Haliburton's year-round food bank and the Lily Ann clothing depot.

To support Thompson's father's dedication to those people who find themselves in a tight financial bind, half the proceeds from the concerts will be donated to the 4Cs. The other half will be donated to the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary to help with the ongoing need for new healthcare equipment.

There is no ticket price, but of course, people are asked to make a donation at the concerts. The first is from 4:30 to 5:30 at the Head Lake Bandshell and the second is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. later that evening, both on August 23.

Don't be surprised that given the infectiousness of the music, even the trees will be swinging their branches in rhythm.



IT'S OFFICIAL: Former program manager Bob Kerr takes down the sign of Kinark Child and Family Services at what is now the Haliburton County Family Services centre on Eastern Avenue in Haliburton. The building and the services were transferred to the new agency, which also takes under its roof the former Parent Support Program (SIRCH), Infant Development Program (Kinark), Case Co-ordination (SAC), Access to Integration (SAC). The Children's Aid office is also in the same location. Phone 457-5345.

Minden woman wins $250,000 in lottery

"I'm now retired. I quit my job this morning," Minden's Betty Milburn said last Monday when she picked up a quarter of a million dollars at the Ontario Lottery Corporation's Toronto Prize Office. Until she won the lottery, she was working as a traffic controller for Fowler Construction in Bracebridge.

Milburn, 52, is married with one son, one daughter and five grandchildren. She plans to pay bills, invest and travel to the Northwest Territories. "I've always wanted to go there."

She purchased her winning ticket at Sunny Convenience on Main Street in Minden. Prior to this her largest lottery win was $100.

Believe it or not, next week's paper is our Labour Day (!!) edition, so please have your advertising copy ready by Thursday, August 21 at 5 p.m.. And if you're getting ready to go back to the city, don't forget that you don't have to leave the Echo behind at the cottage. We can be delivered to your home, 52 weeks of the year, for only $35, GST included. Call 457-1037 to make sure you keep up with all the news of the Highlands

Wigamog the first to hook up to sewer line

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property frontage, to help pay for the cost of the new line. At Wigamog, the hook-up fee alone is $285,000.

Hooking up is expensive, but Ward says it's well worth the reward of improving water quality of Lake Kashagawigamog, which has suffered from septic system leaching and run off.

Ward remembers when plans for the line were first discussed in 1983. A cluster of resorts near Huntsville had just had a line extended to their properties, and a group of Kashagawigamog resort and business owners thought the provincial government should extend the same funding to them. He says the entire project, including expansion of the Haliburton sewage treatment plant to handle the influx of waste, would have cost $2.3-million in the early '80s, but by the time all the environmental hoops had been cleared, the project ended up being closer to $5.3-million. (The line came in a little under budget, allowing Dysart to include properties on Wallings Road up the Ministry of Natural Resources. The province paid for up to 75% the costs and the rest is user pay.)

Balterre, which had the contract for the line, and Levesque Brothers, who did the pumping stations, are being praised for completing the project on time and on budget.

"It went really well and generally, people are very pleased," says Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey. The by-law on hooking up to the line is being reviewed as people make suggestions about how they can hook up, but any problems are being worked through.

Property owners along the line have two years to hook up before it becomes mandatory. When a contractor is hired, the contractor must go through the process of attaining a permit from the municipal office.

DOWN THE HATCH: Being able to hook up to a sewer line, instead of relying on 28 separate septic systems (and frequent visits of the honey truck), is an event worthy of champagne. Wigamog Inn was the first property along North Kashagawigamog to hook up to the new sewer line. Christening the line with champagne are contractor Peter Curry, Wigamog owner Kim Ward-Grossman and Art Ward.

TSW uses guidelines, not kayaking schedule to control lake drawdowns

Often when lake levels decline, residents along the Gull watershed may falsely attribute some of the losses from their lakes to flows run on one or two weekends for kayaking events at the Wildwater Preserve above Minden. To ensure that no net flow increase occurs, however, due to kayaking events the following procedure is followed:

1) The flow already running for other purposes is assessed prior to the event, and if it is in the desired range, no changes are made to accommodate the event.

2) If the flow is too low, the organizers make arrangements (for which they pay a fee) with the Trent-Severn Waterway to increase flow during the events (each day) and decrease the flow afterward (each night). The decrease is enough below the starting flow that the 24-hour average is very nearly the same as if no changes had been made.

The average for the Haliburton Lakes on Aug. 11 was 60.3%, down about 6% from last week. This makes these lakes about 9% below their 70.6% normal level for this time of year.

The anticipated rain last week should reduce the need for reserve water along the canal route and enable a small reduction to the decline rate being experienced in Haliburton, but a return to normal levels would require very heavy rains.

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Ski system loses big chunk of trail in Stanhope

by MARIA CALABRESE
Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at Wednesday's meeting of Stanhope Council.

The winter ski season is on a slippery slope now that Haliburton Nordic Trails no longer manages the trail through Woodland Estates.

Woodland Ranch Estates has changed ownership and Mavor said the new manager has intimated the private facility won't be available for public trails in the future. This decision eliminates 29 kilometres of the Nordic Trails' 100-kilometre circuit.

"There is such a large geographical area involved that it's not a question of just doing a simple detour around that and joining up the south and the north again because that can't be done," Mavor said.

Ten kilometres of trail in Minden north of Peterson Road and 19 kilometres of trail through the Woodland Ranch Estates property are affected, and Stanhope hopes to work closely with Anson, Hindon and Minden to try and preserve the trail system.

"I don't think that's a dead issue," Mavor said. "We are going to contact the Nordic Trail Association and advise them that it is our intent to contact the new owners of the Woodland Ranch and just advise them of what we perceive is the economic benefits for them to have public trails on a private facility."

Wharf transfer fee waived

The municipality scored a victory for itself now that the Department of Fisheries and Oceans is agreeing to waive the $750 administration fee to transfer ownership of the public boat launches at both Big Hawk and Little Hawk Lakes.

The department will transfer the lots to Stanhope for $1 and will also assume the cost of upgrading the facilities before Stanhope takes them over.

These lots, which are partially owned by the provincial and federal governments, are among 800 other wharves across the country to be transferred to municipalities.

Election polls

Although Dysart is planning to open a polling station in North York for the benefit of seasonal residents, Stanhope will not be offering a similar service this year.

"If you're missing some documentation, for example, how would you get it rapidly from Stanhope down to wherever you're going to have this out-of-town poll," Mavor said.

Besides the potential for proxy abuse, which wouldn't be adequately controlled by the township, council is hesitant to choose where this poll would be located because of the township's diversified group of summer residents who come from all over the province and not just the Greater Toronto Area.

Mavor doesn't preclude the possibility of setting up an out-of-town advanced polling station in the future.

Good sports

Congratulations were extended to the 1997 Stanhope defending champions who won their Slo Pitch baseball games at Saskatchewan and Three Brothers Lakes on Aug. 3. The successful event was organized by Garth Mole. Stanhope won their game against Kushog Lake 6-5, against Big Hawk Lake 13-3 and Beech Lake 13-11.

And kudos went to Lois Flether and Carrie Martin for organizing this Saturday's Stanhope Triathlon which many hope will become an annual sporting event. Volunteers are still needed at water stations, to time the events and to direct athletes along the race course. Call Fletcher at 489-1626 or Martin at 489-4297.

Municipalities to evenly share the costs of policing

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cost of police services for the area might have brought these numbers down.

The OPP covers an area of 6,024 square kilometres with a summer resident population of 97,800 people and winter population of 28,000 residents.

Police responded to 8,287 calls in the past 12 months including 776 motor vehicle collisions. The cost of police services includes 94 uniformed staff, five administrative staff, 23 vehicles including snowmobiles and boats, and other special services used by the OPP.

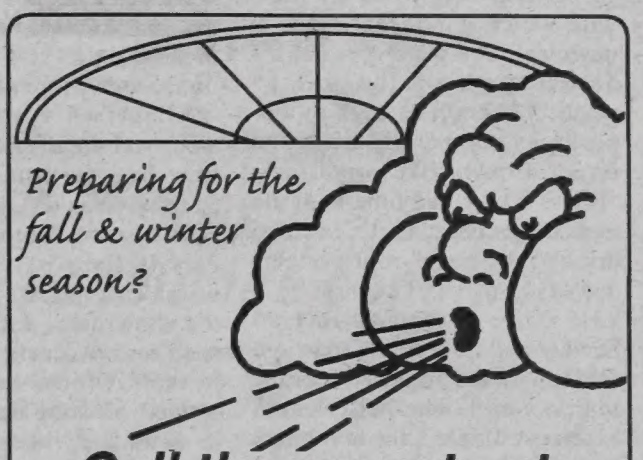
The cost also reflects a 10% price offset to account for provincial services such as drug or homicide investigations, maintaining fraud squads, emergency disaster response and investigation of major incidents such as Ipperwash which are considered provincial responsibilities that can't necessarily be attributed to the county.

The OPP has not had to track its services this way in the past, so this first year will have to be based on estimates until more accurate information based on actual use of services is known. Miller said the OPP might be billed quarterly for its services.

These preliminary costs to municipalities are subject to change depending on the amount of money coming back to the municipalities from the province.

The following are the County's preliminary estimates:

- Minden: $321,477 shared by 3,213 households.
- Bicroft: $31,717 shared by 3,213 households
- Cardiff: $135,375 shared by 1,353 households
- Dysart et al: $631,548 shared by 6,312 households
- Glamorgan: $142,779 shared by 1,427 households
- Lutterworth: $164,191 shared by 1,641 households
- Monmouth: $103,857 shared by 1,038 households
- Sherborne et al: $192,606 shared by 1,925 households
- Snowdon: $86,248 shared by 862 households
- Stanhope: $223,823 shared by 2,237 households.



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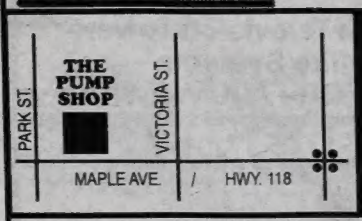

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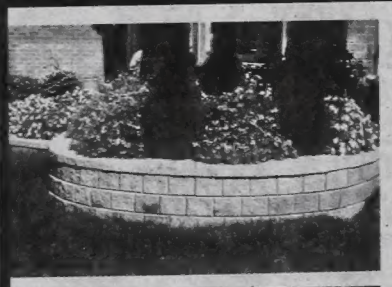

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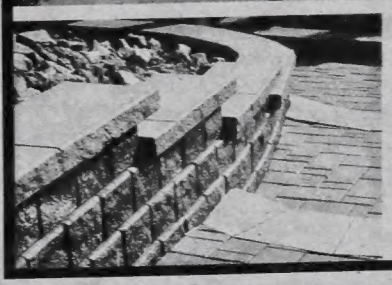

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Hail, wind cause much damage

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It might not have been the storm of the century, but Saturday afternoon's brutal blast is certainly in the running for the storm of the year.

Weather watcher Jim Elstone says 26 mm of rain fell in 10 to 15 minutes, and it was the force with which it fell that made it untypical. The wind speed at his house south of the village reached 79 km/h, enough to topple trees, especially after the recent drought-like conditions. "It was a very bad time with the high winds because it's been so dry and the trees' root systems don't have much of a hold."

He drove to Barry's Bay on Sunday and noticed hail damage all the way to the former Martin's mill. The hail seemed to start at Maple Lake and move easterly, hitting the northern side of Haliburton village.

The combination of high wind, rain and hail made the storm particularly damaging.

With trees falling on hydro lines, many people were without electricity, some for just a couple of hours, others until well into the evening, and even the next day.

Rick Kellestine of Ontario Hydro in Minden says the hardest hit areas for line damage were Hwy 35 near Halls Lake and Esson Lake. People in these areas didn't get power resored until Sunday night at 6 p.m..

All crews worked until 2 am.m. on the Saturday night and were back to work at 7 a.m. on Sunday, he said.

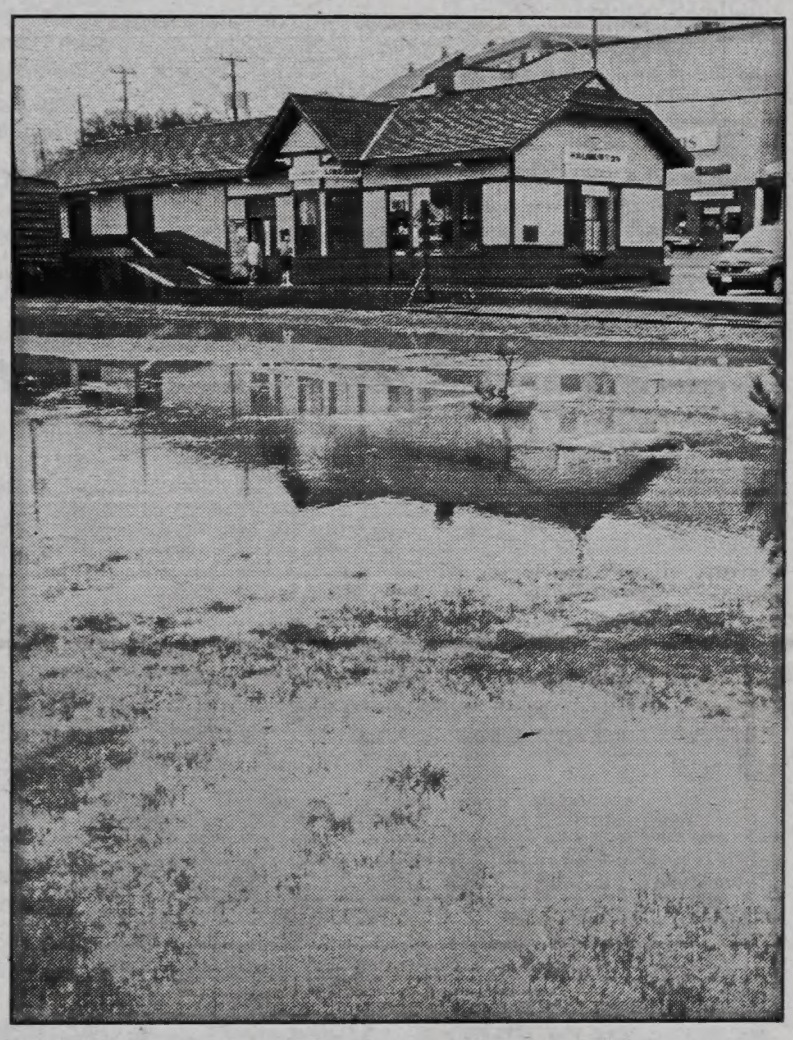
At Elstone Motors, only four cars in their entire inventory weren't damaged – a car inside the showroom, a car inside the shop and two cars being driven by staff. Officials with Chrysler arrived Monday morning to try to assess the widespread damage and figure out what to do with the brand new but dented cars. Some windows and mirrors were also smashed and there is damage to the roof of the main building.

Merv and Doreen Elstone were in their upstairs living space when the storm hit "and they thought the place would come down on them because it's all steel roofs," son Dave Elstone says.

At Haliburton IGA, ceiling tiles caved in, causing the store to flood and close its doors for the day. Meanwhile, at dozens of homes, windows and skylights were smashed in.

When the *Echo* phoned Bruce Bounsell at Curry Motors Auto Body on Monday morning, a harried Helen Burk found a moment to laugh about the atmosphere in the shop. "He's so busy he can't even answer the phone," she said. By noon, they had seen 40 cars and others were being postponed until later in the week. Average damage was in the price range of $3,000 to $4,000. It was an insurance agency's nightmare.

Because the hail was so large, people could do little but watch as it banged into their cars, patios and windows. Thirteen-year-old Bobby Fletcher and Alex Ambridge were worried about Bobby's dog, which was caught outside in the storm, so they put on snowmobile helmets and jackets to brave the chunks of ice. Luckily, the dog had found refuge in the garage.



SCENES FROM A STORM: Clockwise from top right: Echo reporter Maria Calabrese stands on the Echo's front porch holding a hail stone brought in by John Peel. Les Feero put a golf ball, right, on his porch on Keefer Court and lined up some of his hail stones beside it. That's not Head Lake in front of the Rails' End Gallery, where they held an exhibition open house by candlelight. Instead, the park became a wading pool. Tom and Cheryl Curry might have had the worst structural damage when two trees fell on their roof on Hwy 118. A pathway was also littered by upturned trees; the roots were probably weakened by the previous lack of rain.

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Monmouth undecided on Dombind

by KERRY RILEY
Special to The Echo

The following are brief excerpts of discussions held during the August 11 Monmouth council meeting.

Dust hasn't settled on Dombind

Monmouth Township began applying the controversial dust suppressant Dombind, to its roads last week, in place of the more expensive calcium. As of August 11 only three complaints had been received regarding its use.

A discussion of its merits and dangers ensued. Reeve Kieth Tallman pointed out that if dust control was simply discontinued, as some individuals have suggested, the roads would deteriorate significantly over the summer months, jeopardizing the township's investment in their upkeep. The only real issue was whether the decreased cost of the Dombind justified its use in light of questions regarding its safety. General uncertainty about its toxicity prevailed.

Coincidentally, Dr. Alex Hukowich, the Medical Officer of Health for the Haliburton, Kawartha and Pine Ridge district, was on hand to present council with results from his study of causes of death in Monmouth township. He offered his assessment of Dombind use, noting that his office was currently awaiting analyses of the substance. He said that contamination with PCBs was not his primary concern, as the degree of their toxicity is not certain. Dioxins, however, were, in his opinion, a significant concern, being proven carcinogens.

He noted that environmental build-up (or lack thereof) of these toxins, in areas of Dombind use, is not being monitored. In view of this lack of reliable information, he prescribed caution, pointing out that any resulting damage could not be easily undone.

Council asked that Dr. Hukowich keep them updated on the results of tests, and determined to keep Dombind application to a minimum in the meantime.

Living and dying in Monmouth

According to Dr. Hukowich's report, the leading causes of death for inhabitants of Monmouth township remain heart disease, lung cancer and stroke. He estimated that 80% of lung cancer was directly attributable to tobacco use. He also noted that accidental trauma, while comprising only 4% of deaths, resulted in many years of life lost, as it most frequently affected the young. He stressed the greatest impact on the health of Monmouth residents will be achieved by initiatives which promote a healthy lifestyle and increase safety awareness.

In Other Matters...

Final tenders for the foundation for the Fire Hall addition to the Tory Hill Community Centre were read. A resolution awarding the job to D. Finney for a total price of $7200, passed.

The tender to dismantle the senior citizens' building was awarded to Rick Forget, for a bid of $276. Councillor Forget had removed himself from the proceedings, declaring conflict of interest, prior to the reading.

Minden considers how to tell people about fire conditions

by MARIA CALABRESE
Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at Thursday's meeting of Anson, Hindon and Minden Council.

Thanks to a much-needed 15 to 20 millimetres worth of rain early last week, the fire ban was lifted last Wednesday. However, the permanent restriction of no day burning that went into effect last spring is still in effect.

Council considered looking into re-erecting the board on Highway 35 that told passersby of the fire conditions. Reeve Jeanne Anthon said some people just don't know when there's a fire ban in effect or how dry the conditions are, and the sign would help to communicate that information to them.

Winter sewage

Council has been advised that sludge can no longer be put on the ground during winter, and now that the townships' contract for hauling sludge has expired, they're considering using a facility to house the sludge until summer when it can be spread onto the ground.

A container, similar to a silo, can hold the sludge and if it's built at the site where the sludge would be spread, the additional cost of hauling it from the sewage plant to the site would be eliminated. Otherwise, the tank could be built at the sewage treatment plant and its contents transported in the summer.

Advance polls

Dysart et al reeve Murray Fearrey has asked Minden to consider sharing the office space and the costs so it can also offer its seasonal residents in North York the chance to vote without having to drive up to the county.

The cost of renting the room is $30 per hour and the polls would be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Staffing, transportation, and overnight stays for those who choose to drive down a day early would also be paid for. Dysart is currently looking into these costs.

Anthon said lake associations should contribute some if not all the costs of setting up advance polls in Toronto "because they're the ones doing this for their seasonal residents."

Her concern is that the more remote voters are, the less likely they are to know who is running for election and what the issues are for this area. She said the lake associations have a responsibility to keep their voters informed.

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Editorial

Lessons to live by

IT IS AN UNFORTUNATE SIDE of human behaviour that we often don't tell the people whom we care about the most just why they are so important in our lives. Here at *The Echo*, we try to counteract that by writing about people when they're alive rather than wait to say all the nice things in an obituary. (We also don't have the habit of writing obituaries: how do you judge which lives are "worthy" of a story in the newspaper? Our policy is that if a family member or friend wants to write the obituary, we'll gladly print it.)

Sitting in St. George's Anglican Church last Tuesday afternoon, with hundreds of other people filling both the main floor and basement to capacity, one couldn't help but be struck by the incredible legacy of Bob Sisson, the 18-year-old whose death in a car accident was being mourned. The funeral was one of those experiences that stays in your mind a long time afterwards, forcing you to think about some of the bigger themes in life. You listened to the stories about Bob's life and you learned, and the learning was as much about yourself and what you value as it was about Bob.

First there was the eclectic mix of people there, especially young people. Teenagers are incredibly cliquish, making friends only with people in the same social sphere. Sometimes the sphere is drawn by economics, sometimes tastes in music, sometimes academic ability, and sometimes by what you like to do when you're not at school. Bob was one of the very few who drew no social lines, who would be friends to everyone and more importantly, who knew when someone was in need of a friendly hello. He had his distinct likes and dislikes, but he wasn't a snob. How rare.

From the stories which were told, you could tell he was unorthodox without being obnoxious. The people who would have judged him by his pierced chin would have been flabbergasted by the stories of him as an altar boy. Just as he could make himself into a variety of characters on stage, he could try on different personas, seeing which ones he liked, which ones he didn't. Nothing had to last forever; he was a free and unfettered spirit. Yet at the core of his being, there was a niceness, a gentleness, a genuine compassion for his fellow human being.

He made people laugh. Now that's a true gift. For all that everyone talks about the carefree days of youth, most teenagers are very, very serious. Every comment has to be preplanned and then critiqued ad nauseum afterwards, every clothing style has to be careful considered to know if it gives the acceptable message, every personal conflict takes on monumental proportion. How wonderful that every morning, as their school day began, the kids heard Bob giving the announcements with his weird voices and his satiric comments.

On the evening after the funeral, dozens of teenagers gathered on the main street and made their way to Head Lake Park where they told their stories about Bob. Just imagine – he was only 18 and yet he was so much a part of so many teenagers' memories. They might not have known at the time exactly why they liked being with Bob, but as they were forced to put words to their feelings, it became clear that Bob was one of those rare people who could have a real and lasting impact on other's lives. What made him that way and wouldn't we like to be remembered with as much intensity?

And finally, when someone who is so young dies, it reminds the rest of us, the ones who have been lucky enough to avoid such a fate, of the obligation we have to live our lives to the fullest. Wouldn't Bob love to be able to complain about too much work, not enough money and the tiredness that comes from trying to cram too many things in our day? All those things are a part of life and it's how we adapt to them that makes us grow.

And what about the lessons we learned from all those testimonials? Shouldn't we try to make someone laugh, or say a kind word to someone who's a newcomer on the school bus and feeling nervous? If people admired Bob so much, they should understand why, and as a true tribute, try to keep part of him alive in their own way of embracing life with a huge smile and arms and mind held wide open. **M.P.**

Breanne and Andrew Mansfield dance at Sherborne et al's Centennial by Maria Calabrese

Letters to the Editor

Tragic accident was every parent's 'worst nightmare'

To the Editor:

"A parent's worst nightmare ... realized!"

It began at 3:45 a.m. Saturday morning with a phone call ... For some it will continue for a life time ... for some it may ease with time ... but it will always be there.

We would like to extend our most sincere appreciation and thanks, first to John Hebert, who made that call. He was reassuring, factual and very much in control, especially under the circumstances.

To Steve Ecclestone, Amy Rosenberg, Ainsley Heyes, Josh Dennis and all the others who stopped to help.

To the Dysart Volunteer Fire Dept. for your professionalism and caring. You were just awesome.

To the ambulance attendants, the doctors, nurses of the Haliburton hospital Emergency Ward ... for their professionalism and that personal touch.

To all those who called and held us in their thoughts and prayers ... and to you Martha Perkins, for your factual and professional reporting and also your caring.

To all of you ... "Thank You!"

John and Audrie Winsley,
Haliburton
We are so, so Blessed.

Volunteer firefighters, emergency crews provided wonderful services after crash

To the Editor:

It was early Saturday morning, August 9th. We had just settled into our chairs to start the round of paper work that goes along with one of those crazy summer Friday nights in cottage country. The call to us came in at 3:38 a.m. so we headed out across the county, no other cars to be seen. Reality hits as we round that last curve and any sense of what time it really is, is gone.

I first see the pick up truck on its side and immediately it hits – this is more than that initial call reports. I stand back in amazement as those electricians, carpenters, businessmen and husbands who are the volunteer firefighters work at an urgent pace as though it's second nature to them. That's when I realize it isn't second nature, it's just regular men volunteering their time and skills.

I applaud the professionalism I witnessed that morning. Thank you Dysart et al voluntary fire department for your much needed service. I must also mention the wonderful services provided by the ambulance crews and the medical staff at the Haliburton Hospital.

Senior Constable #6847
Minden O.P.P.
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R.M. Orlowski

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A mystical experience

DOWN OUR ROAD

Sharon Lynch

WHEN MARIE'S head hit the pillow, she made a promise to herself before drifting off. Tomorrow morning she would force herself to take time for a cup of coffee beside the lake. Living in cottage country did not guarantee a person would take advantage of all the landscape had to offer. In fact, it was all too easy to become so busy in the summer that before Marie realized what had happened, it was over for another year.

But a friend's brush with death had pushed her to rethink her priorities. She asked herself what was so important to keep her from enjoying the simple pleasures surrounding her. Nothing was that important, she decided.

When the alarm went off fifteen minutes earlier than usual, Marie was tempted to turn it off and roll over in bed. However, instead she flicked on the coffee machine, splashed water on her face and fed the cats. By then there was enough coffee for a cup which she poured and carried outside to her favourite old chair by lake. She settled herself into the chair's familiar contours. It was going to be another hot day.

A list of errands and jobs popped into her head and Marie consciously pushed it aside. She tried to focus all her thoughts on what was in front and around her. The sun had risen about thirty minutes earlier and the lake before her was glowing in its warmth. The night had been cool, leaving a ghostly mist hanging above the water. It was quickly vanishing in the light that soaked every tree, rock and slip of water it touched in a flat, golden pool. Marie felt as though she was looking at an alien world. The distant hills faded to nothing. Everything else was either light or shadow. It was a world of no in-betweens.

A dark outline was moving across the lake and Marie slowly recognized a canoe and two people making their way down the middle of her field of vision. They were like a blot of ink on the white world of light the rising sun had created. Up went their arms and paddles, then down into the white. There must have been the sound of their paddles in the water but Marie heard nothing. What held her almost hypnotized was their dark silhouettes travelling through this sun bathed world, the water smooth as a plate

Then Marie looked to her side and saw the way the early sun outlined a branch of maple tree in brilliant contrast. She became aware of the scent of balsam, spruce and pine and breathed deeply, long slow breaths and then put her head back on the chair and closed her eyes.

A gentle breeze had come up and it carried the smells of the trees, the metallic rocks and mossy ground up to her face. There was a poplar behind her. The wind caught its leaves and they applauded like a thousand fairy hands saluting the beauty of the moment. Her eyes still closed, Marie savoured it all, letting the sounds and smells come into her while she felt the wind's touch and the sun's glow.

When she opened her eyes, the canoeists were close enough for her to make out their shapes. They were her neighbours, no doubt taking advantage of the early hour before motorized craft churned up waves and sent the silence scurrying like seagulls. Marie could hear them talking to each other as they neared their dock. The sun had moved higher in the sky, changing the light. The moment had passed.

Her coffee was cold, forgotten. Marie dumped it out and started back to the house for a fresh cup. She would drink it as she dressed and started breakfast. It was time to get on with her day.

Pic of the Past

LONG BEFORE the courts tried to decide how much – or how little – women were allowed to wear on the beach, society was putting a few more restraints on women's fashions. In this photo from Jack Hoxie's collection at the Haliburton Highlands Museum, we see a group of women preparing to go for a swim in the appropriate attire for the day. Note the leggings, leaving only forearms and necks bare for any roving male eye to glimpse. The only woman we can identify is Lila Laking, first owner of the Echo house, on the right.

Strategic plan meetings continue

by Tamara Wilbee
County Office

Come and join your fellow citizens at the second public consultation event being held at the Stanhope Firefighters' Hall on August 21 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. and/or 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

A strategic plan lays out the most important directions for change (or orientations) for the county. Each orientation is like a challenge that can be tackled by diagnosing what needs to be done and what can be accomplished. Then, priorities are determined for each orientation, possible actions identified and choices made. Finally, the most important actions are detailed as action plans. What do we want to achieve? Who will be responsible? What resources are required? What will be the time frame?

The strategic plan that results is therefore a statement of intentions on the part of the actors involved – including groups of citizens – to undertake certain actions which, once accomplished, will take the county closer to the vision that the citizens have developed. The strategic plan may have implications for land use and therefore will be an important ingredient into the development of an official plan but it also goes much further than a traditional land use plan by involving strategically important actions. Above all else, a community based strategic plan is based on building partnerships involving the private and public sectors, municipal and County government, community organizations and citizen groups.

A community-based strategic plan has to be reviewed regularly because conditions and people change, new opportunities and challenges arise and new information becomes available. That's why we need an ongoing strategic planning process.

On August 21, citizens are invited to work with each other and their representatives of Council, various agencies and community organizations in one of a series of work groups. The discussion topics are based on the orientations identified at our July 24 meeting which include the management and protection of the natural environment/resources; creating and maintaining a more stable and diversified economic base; the roles of seniors and retirees in the community; transportation and accessibility within Haliburton County; co-operation and county wide management and planning; the role of youth; and building and marketing the Haliburton County community. There will be two brief presentations at the beginning of each session to bring the public up-to-date on what has been happening in terms of health services planning and county restructuring.

Please call Tamara Wilbee at the County office (705/286-1333) to indicate which session(s) and discussion group(s) you would like to participate in. Summary reports of the July 24 meeting have been distributed throughout the county as well as flyers outlining the discussion topics and details of the August 21 event. If you haven't received a copy and would like one, they can be picked up at the County office, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden.

Please call ahead if possible as this will be a tremendous help in arranging seating and refreshments and plan to arrive about 15 minutes prior to each session in order to relax, enjoy some refreshments and meet your fellow citizens and representatives before getting down to work. Look forward to seeing you there!

Poetry

To the Sissons

God needed your dear son Bobbie;
Didn't have time to tell you why
But he had a good part for him to play
In that theatre of the sky.

He wanted Bob to entertain the Angels,
Send them off for the day with a grin.
So when we hear the clapping of thunder,
We'll know they're applauding him.

Ev Stata,
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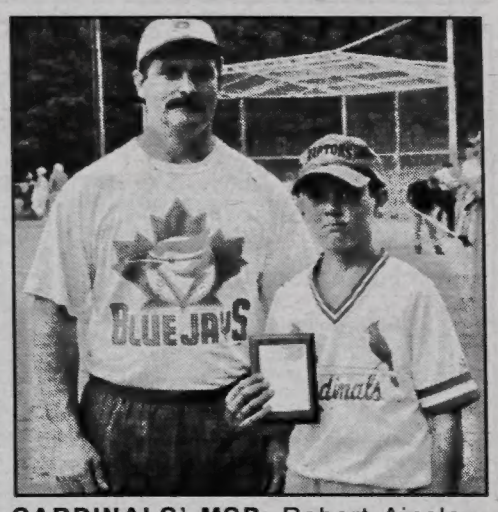
Boonieville
by Charlie Teljeur

BREWERS' MSP: Tim Andrus receives his MSP award from coach Dan Curry.

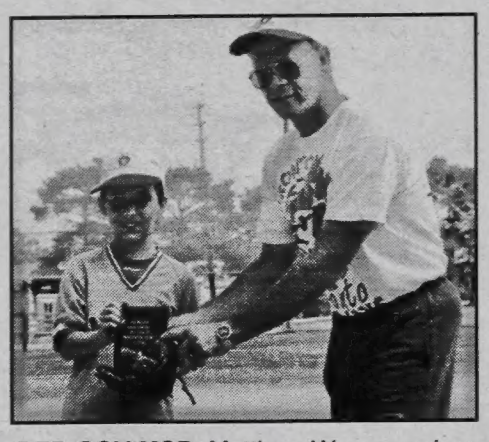
PIRATES' MSP: Stuart English receives his MSP award from coach Bill Hutson.

ORIOLES' MSP: Adam Sisson receives his MSP award from coach Kevin Sisson.



CARDINALS' MSP: Robert Ainsley receives his MSP award from coach Butch Manary.

PHILLIES' MSP: Daryl Rodd receives his MVP award from coach Gary Burtch.



RED SOX MSP: Matthew Wagg receives his MSP award from coach Jim Winn.

Baseball Finals

On Saturday, Haliburton Minor Baseball ended its season with a tournament. The rain delayed games for a couple of hours as people protected themselves from the elements. The following are the final results:

National League Consolation Final
Cardinals, 8, Royals, 2

Canadian League Consolation Final
Pirates, 10, Marlins, 2

National League Championship Final
Orioles, 10, Rockies, 9

Canadian League Championship Final
Phillies, 3, Brewers, 2

American League Championship Final
Red Sox, 12, Yankees, 2

ROCKIES' MSP: Martin Gage receives his MSP award from coach Joe Roberts.

The Echo would like to thank Walter Tose for taking these photos for us

Unfortunately, pictures of the Marlins were not available. Peter Lancia was voted the team's Most Sportsman-like Player.

The Red Sox, coached by Jim Winn, Vince Duchene and Tim Smith

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Steve Cooper, right, and his family, including son Warren beside him, have moved to Newmarket, but his contributions to sports will long be appreciated. To thank him for his volunteer spirit and love of the game, minor hockey's Jim Winn and baseball's Walter Tose presented him with gifts on behalf of the sporting community.

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Hockey Haven hits the ice next week

■ *Renowned Haliburton hockey school is revived*

by **MARIA CALABRESE**
Staff Reporter

Later this month, organizers will breath life back into a proud Highland tradition with the revival of the world renowned Haliburton Hockey Haven.

The legacy continues Aug. 25 to 29 when Hockey Town North will begin its task of restoring the school to its former glory as an establishment that may once again shape the lives, not to mention a few careers, of the young athletes aged 10 to 16 who are looking for professional, quality hockey training.

Children aged six to 10 will attend sessions from noon to 2 p.m., ages 11 to 13 will be trained from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and ages 14 to 16 will receive three hour daily instruction from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Because it's already late in the season, organizers will begin with the five-day technical training to test the waters and see what kind of response they'll get. If there is enough interest, the program might culminate with a day-trip to the Hockey Hall of Fame in Toronto.

Their long-term plans are to return the school back to it's summer-long program as early as next year with the possibility of offering coaching and refereeing schools in later years.

The skates have been off Hockey Haven's ice for a decade, but the idea of reopening the school's doors has been brewing for a while. The original school opened in 1965 at the Old Emerson Homestead and offered quality hockey training until 1987. After that, many felt there was a vacuum in the county that needed to be filled.

"Finally we just decided to do it," said Pat Russell, president of the new HHH. "One of the big reasons we came to Haliburton was because we've always been able to work with the people up here. They've always been receptive to us and the council's always been good with us. That's the big reason."

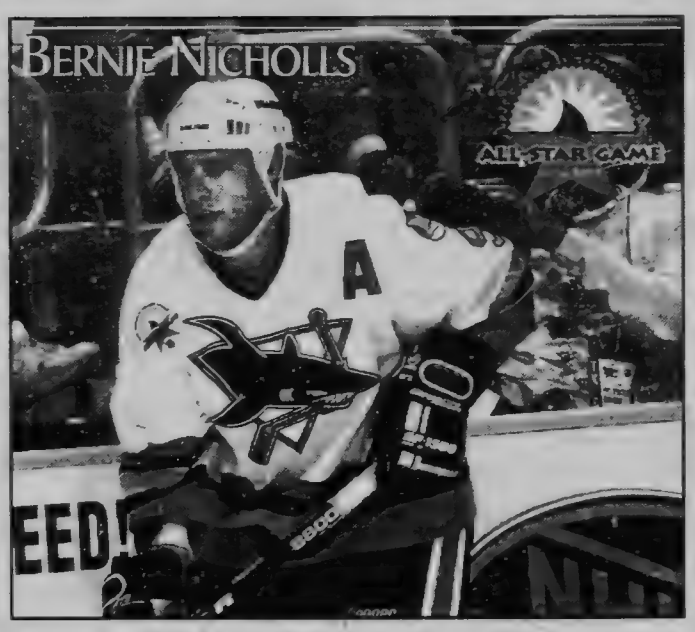
This support extends to locals such as Don Lloyd and Doug Anderson at the Dysart Community Centre who have helped Russell organize tournaments in the area, and who will also be integral to the success of the hockey school.

Russell has so far partnered with four other organizers who registered the name Haliburton Hockey Haven and have been busy preparing not only for the first day of the hockey school, but also for the Aug. 24 grand opening of HHH's headquarters in the bottom office of the Dawson Gray building in Haliburton. They expect to eventually have brochures and golf shirts available to the public.

Minor league hockey players will be invited to design a logo and a mascot for the new school, and the winner's minor hockey season will be paid for.

Jim Gregory, the school's first owner along with Wren Blair, is content to watch the Haven's revival from the bleachers, although his expertise has already been called upon to kick start the program.

He still gets asked about the Hockey Haven even when he's out of town. Last year, while at the OHL playoffs in Hamilton, Gregory said a young man approached him and thanked him for some advice he was given while attending the Hockey Haven.



BERNIE NICHOLLS: The hockey school will only operate five days this summer, but by next year the season-long hockey school will benefit from some professional participation doled out by the likes of this home-town favourite.

"Now, he's a doctor for the Hamilton hockey team," Gregory said. "So it touches a lot of people in a lot of different ways.

Like the previous camp that relied on promotion and first-class training by the likes of former NHLers including Walt McKechnie, Nick Beverley, Ron Stackhouse and Glen Sharpley, the new school's programs will once again benefit by professional expertise.

McKechnie, who is coordinating the new program with Stackhouse, will also be developing the hockey program which includes instruction in goaltending, power skating, defensive and offensive play according to the interest of the players.

Haliburton also lured students with appearances by contemporary NHL athletes who visited the school to share advice and skills that molded the young minds and talents of their young followers.

"We had some pretty famous people here – Bobby Orr, Red Kelly, Bill Gadsby, Ron Ellis – just about everybody in hockey who was a pretty prominent guy in those days," Gregory said.

Bernie Parent, Ken Hodge, Brit Selby, Harry Sinden and Walter Tkaczuk are other distinguished names etched into the Haven's proud history.

Adding his name to this prestigious roster is Bernie Nicholls, centre for the San Jose Sharks, who also attended the old hockey school and is giving back to the community where he still spends some of his time on Boshkung Lake.

"Bernie's someone who all the kids in this area are in tune with and like to watch his progress. And the adults too," Gregory said. He's optimistic that these professional athletes, who created a lot of activity and conversation in the early days of the school's history, will be able to do the same for the school again.

"The Haliburton Hockey Haven brought a lot of attention and prospective visitors and campsite owners to the Haliburton area; some are still living here. It's such a great area and having a hockey school will add a little extra dimension in the summertime for everyone," Gregory said.

Besides building on the strong tradition of the original Haliburton Hockey Haven, Russell said he and the other organizers have already proven themselves in the field of hockey with their tournaments including the 20th Annual Coby Islanders Easter Weekend tournament in Haliburton, Minden and Wilberforce which featured 64 teams this year.

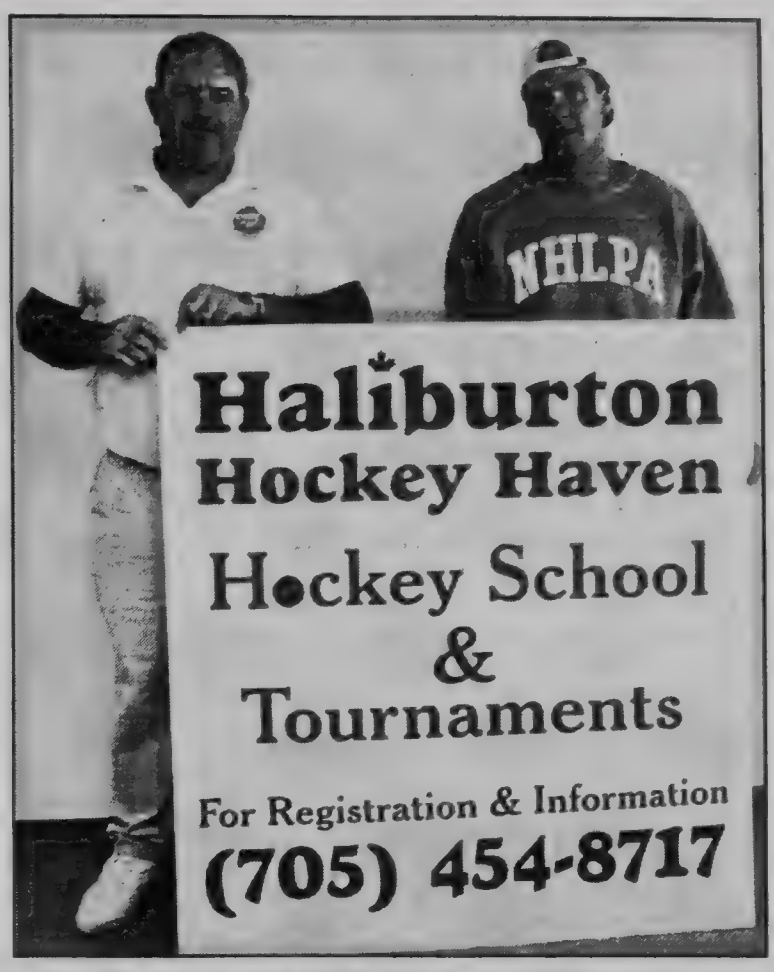
This fall, they will hold the first ever Tournament of Colours from Oct. 3, 4 and 5 for open teams, old timers teams and women's divisions. They're also hoping to run a hockey tournament in Clearwater, Florida in April, aptly named the Clearwater Revival Tournament.

The organization is also planning on offering slo pitch tournaments in the Highlands by next year, and they might offer a puck and ball tournament during next year's Civic Holiday uniting hockey with slo pitch for the family, cottage associations and anybody else who wants to get involved in a weekend of friendly competition.

They already organize the annual slo pitch tournament for Ronald McDonald House on the Canada Day weekend and another tournament on the Labour Day weekend. And Russell said they're still looking for teams to take part in the mid-August tournament – entry fees are $200 for each team with proceeds going towards the Big Brothers and Big Sisters.

The program is open to both boys and girls. Enrollment for children aged six to 10 is $150 and they will be given two-hours of precision training everyday. Children aged 11 to 16 will receive a three-hour session each day for $175. All prices include tax and participants must provide their own equipment. The locations of events will be scheduled as organizers know how many people will be taking part.

For more information or to register, visit the HHH office. For more details, call the office at 457-1787 or Pat Russell at 454-8717.



A LITTLE HELP FROM HIS FRIENDS: Left, Pat Russell, president of the revived Haliburton Hockey Haven, has already recruited Bernie Nicholls, center for the San Jose Sharks, to be one of the NHLers who will make an appearance at the school.

Drag Lake Regatta results

by **Mary Ella Magill**

The Annual Drag Lake Regatta on Saturday, August 9 began with light southwest winds which were gradually increasing throughout the race. Twelve sailboats and one sailboard competed in the race.

The Committee boat was Elva and Bert Hunt's patio boat. The Race Committee consisted of Terry Buchkowsky, raising flags to signal the race start, Elva recording the finish times and both assisted by Michelle Pearson and Bert.

Just at the start line off Harris Beach, the wind shifted and continued to shift during the first leg up to Indian Point. The reach to the gibe mark on the south shore was steady and brisk and the last reach to the finish line remained brisk.

The overall results were:

1. Brian Wood – Albacore
2. Gord Munn, Skipper; Mary Ella Magill, Crew –Wayfarer
3. Cameron Bailey, Skipper; Scott Young, Crew – Mystere
4. Peter Vice – Prindle
5. Greg Platt – Finn
6. Lanny Totton, Skipper; Benjamin Katz-Totten, Crew – Laser
7. Al Ferguson – Laser
8. Fred Stephenson – Kilibri
9. Sara Katz, Skipper; Jesse Katz-Totton, Crew – Laser
10. Thornton Bailey – Sea Spray
11. Wally Butz – Own Design
12. Vaune Davis – Laser

Huw Morgan, on the sailboard, finished with the fleet.

Here are the results according to the various classes (Multihull, Laser and Monohull):

1. Cameron Bailey, Lanny Totton, Brian Wood
2. Peter Vice, Al Ferguson, Gord Munn
3. Thornton Bailey, Sara Katz, Greg Platt, Vaune Davis, Fred Stephenson and Wally Butz.

The Race Committee did a great job of starting, finishing and recording the race, so special thanks go to Bert and Elva for the use of their boat and their assistance in running the race and to Terry Buchkowsky and Michelle Pearson for their contribution. Al Ferguson placed the markers prior to the race which was greatly appreciated by the racers. Recognition of his effort goes to Gord Munn for his work in organizing the race. Gord will endeavour to get in another race or two before the '97 season closes.

Fishing partners ready for tight competition at Bass'n'tario

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

If Scott Bird and Andrew Shapcott do well in this weekend's Bass'n'tario in Bobcaygeon, it won't be because of luck.

For the past two weeks, the 21-year-old fishing partners have been spending their days on Sturgeon Lake, trying to find the best places for the highly competitive fishing event. They do so knowing that all it takes is a little bit of wind to make the bass head somewhere else.

But with a 17-foot boat with motor as the first place prize, and $10,000 as second prize, they hope a little bit of planning will pay off.

Bird, who lives in Haliburton, and Shapcott, who's from Halls Lake, are one of 10 amateur teams which have been invited to the prestigious Bass'n'tario Classic VII. Also vying for the top prizes will be the top 30 teams from the professional circuit.

"We'll be fishing with the pros, so it makes you feel good, especially since we've qualified and didn't have to pay to enter," Bird says. "These guys have fished the lake for 30 years."

It's been a good season for Bird and Shapcott, who are fifth overall in the amateur class with a total weight of 48.11 lbs.

In Saturday's competition they're allowed six fish, which must be a minimum of 13 inches to keep. There are penalties if they're late and penalties if their fish don't survive. (One of the things they like about Bass'n'tario is that it's a live-release competition. Once the fish are weighed, they are returned to the lake for another day's fishing. Bird says that on an average weekend of competition, only two or three fish will die, compared with the hundreds they see recreational fishermen taking out of the water.)

This summer, the local team is being sponsored by Hastings Marine, which is supplying their boat for the summer.

GOING FISHING: Scott Bird of Haliburton, right, and Andrew Shapcott of Halls Lake, centre, are one of 10 amateur teams which have qualified for this weekend's Bass'n'tario Classic VII in Bobcaygeon. In his photo at the Dalrymple Lake tournament last month, they placed second and received their trophy from Bass'n'tario president Randy Jennings, left.

Guide explains tax incentive to forest owners

The Guide to the Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program, which promotes environmental stewardship and economic stability of private forest land, has been released.

"We are encouraging woodlot owners to take an ecological approach on their forested land," said Natural Resources Minister Chris Hodgson. "This government recognizes the need to promote sustainable management and stewardship on private lands."

To participate in the tax reduction, interested landowners will be required to submit an approved managed forest plan and application by August 31. For the 1998 tax year only, however, managed forest plans will be accepted until November 17, 1997.

Starting with the 1998 tax year, eligible managed forests will be assessed based on their current use. Following this assessment, the tax rate for eligible managed forests will be set at 25 per cent of the residential tax rate for the municipality. This program is a permanent tax incentive and replaces the former Managed Forest Tax Rebate Program.

MNR has set specific standards for managed forest plans that are designed to improve a landowner's knowledge of the forest and help ensure the sustainability of the forest. The managed forest plans must be approved by designated managed forest plan "approvers".

Applications and approved managed forest plans should be submitted to the Ontario Woodlot Association or the Ontario Forestry Association. The associations will be the contacts for program participants. It is up to the landowner to choose which association to work with.

Landowners who had their managed forest plan approved for the 1996 and 1997 Managed Forest Tax Rebate Program will not need to have their managed forest plan re-approved to qualify for the 1998 tax incentive program. However, these landowners must submit a 1998 application for the tax incentive program by August 31, 1997.

Information kits have been mailed to landowners who are currently in the program and to those who have participated in the past.

The kits include information on the new program guidelines, eligibility criteria, managed forest plan requirements and deadlines.

Interested landowners who have not participated in the program in the past may contact the association of their choice for an information kit.

The Local Education Improvement Committee (LEIC)
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Minor hockey league's first fundraiser nets over $3,000

MINOR HOCKEY NEWS
by Laurie Johnson

Yes, we know it is still summer, but we are only one month away from registration for Haliburton Minor Hockey.

Minor hockey hosted a voluntary toll bridge Aug. 3rd and we would like to thank everyone who graciously gave this day. Both residents and visitors to Haliburton were greeted with a smile, wave and a large thank-you. A special thanks go out to everyone who helped at the toll and especially my coin rollers and separators. Our grand total was $3,039.98

Minor Hockey is holding a few fundraisers this year. There will be a dance in the fall, and tickets are on sale for 1st prize of $2,000, drawn Dec. 20th/97 and an early bird prize of $500 drawn Sept. 10th. Tickets can be currently purchased at the Bank of Montreal, Glen Sharpley Sports, and Roberts Marina for $5.00 each.

We do appreciate our communities sponsorship as Haliburton has a tremendous hockey league. We are well known for hosting some of the better tournaments and we have a great bunch of volunteer parents who put a lot of time into helping this league.

The executive hopes to see everyone back again this year, whey not bring a friend? More about registration dates to follow. Have a safe summer.

HOW COULD YOU RESIST? Haliburton Minor Hockey's Laurie Johnson enlisted the charm of her nephew, Christopher Johnson, to sell raffle tickets recently. Another fundraising project was the toll booth which garnered more than $3,000.

Hodgson signs agreement to help preserve wetlands

Natural Resources Minister Chris Hodgson recently signed an Agreement in Principle with Wildlife Habitat Canada, under which the two parties, as well as contributors from the U.S. have budgeted a total of $4.3 million dollars over five years to assist private landowners to preserve and restore wetlands.

"This government is committed to working with organizations and individuals to safeguard our wetlands," said Hodgson. "this agreement expands MNR's close working relationship with Wildlife Habitat Canada to encourage more private landowners to be good stewards of their wetlands."

The agreement is part of the Eastern Habitat Joint Venture effort under the North American Waterfowl Management Plan, which has been endorsed by Canada, the United States and Mexico.

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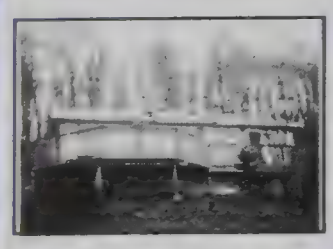

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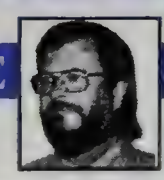

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HALIBURTON COUNTY FAIR

PHOTOS BY MARIA CALABRESE

The Minden fairgrounds were buzzing with action on Saturday to celebrate the 133rd annual Haliburton County Fair. Clockwise from left, young Ben Boggs and his dad Kirk dared to ride the Super Slide at the midway. Western Days was the theme of the parade. Christopher Cos from Newmarket took a spin in the car carousel. There were no shortage of clowns during the parade, and this young cowgirl will have to make due with this "pony" until she's able to ride a bigger steed.

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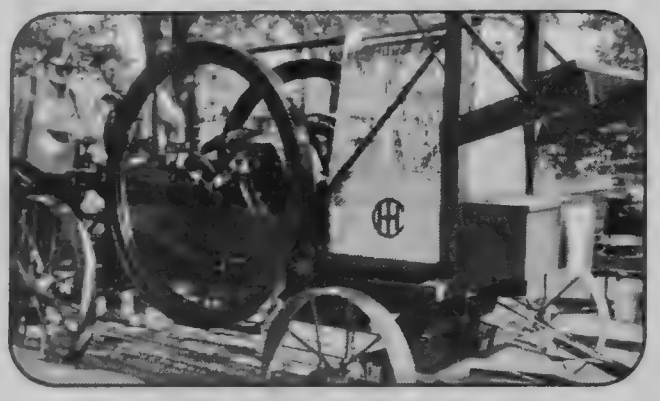

Sherborne et al celebrates centenary anniversary

photos by Maria Calabrese

Clockwise from left, Glenn Kirton from Bracebridge tells Bill Vernon a bit about his 1907 engine which was used to power farm machinery. Andre Gagnon delighted the crowd with his chainsaw performance. Marcella McKay from Dorset models a dress she wore during Pioneer Week in 1963. From left, Lianna Desjardins and Sarah Jane Johnson on cello, Jerry McLennan on accordian and Emily Desjardins and Katherine Johnson on violin entertained the crowd. Wonder the Clown, a.k.a. Rebecca Hodge of Just Putting Around from Huntsville paints Harley Pellowe's face.

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Women on Snow to the rescue with donation for safer trails

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Andy Chvedukas knows what it's like to be gravely injured on a snowmobile trail, miles from medical help.

Last winter the Haliburton Lake cottager was nearly killed when his machine went off a trail and slammed into a tree. He broke a hip, fractured his pelvis, ruptured his spleen and severed a leg artery.

Andy Chvedukas

"When the (hip) socket broke, it pinched off the artery and that's what saved my bacon. Otherwise, I would've been toast."

Fortunately for Chvedukas, rescuers were able to take him to a waiting ambulance on an old door serving as a make-shift stretcher inside a 4-wheel drive truck.

Now Chvedukas and other members of a local committee are hoping to see all fire departments in the area equipped with modern rescue sleighs that can be used to save accident victims in similar emergencies.

Stanhope's fire department recently purchased one of the sleighs with a $3,000 donation from Women on Snow.

Not only does the sleigh have room for a patient on a stretcher or backboard, but also for an attendant to ride along.

The sleigh can be fitted with wheels, enabling it to be pulled along hiking or biking trails when there isn't snow.

At the time that Chvedukas was injured, ambulance attendants were forbidden from riding into accident scenes in areas they couldn't get to with their own emergency vehicles.

But the Ministry of Health, which provides ambulance services in Haliburton County, has said it will allow attendants to travel to accidents in difficult-to-reach locations, provided they are taken by qualified personnel, such as firefighters, on the proper equipment.

With the Ministry prepared to change its policy, it would be important for all of the county's fire departments to have rescue sleighs similar to Stanhope's, said Chvedukas, who wants "Haliburton County to have not only a great trail system, but also a safe system."

Sherborne et al's fire department has also purchased a new rescue sleigh.

Further information about the project can be obtained by calling Andy Chvedukas at his cottage, 754-4288, cottage, or home, (905) 829-1255.

Women on Snow recently donated $3,000 to the Stanhope Fire Department for a new rescue sleigh. Pictured, from left, are: Jean Campbell, Steve Archibald, Joan Sobil, Myrlene Foster, Susan Thomas, Paula Thorn, Cindy LaBrie, Deputy Fire Chief John Hogg, Cathy Stephens, Marj Kennedy, Fire Chief BobPollard, Dan Stiver and Nigel Atkinson.

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Frustrations mount for new school board

by MARIA CALABRESE
Staff Reporter

The new school year is just weeks away and frustration is mounting for trustees from the three merging school boards as they struggle to make decisions despite not having provincial approval of their 1997 budget and without knowing if transitional funding is available to them.

Russ Spalding, vice chair of the Local Education Improvement Committee, LEIC, said they were one of the first groups to hand down their budget to the Ministry of Education in April. As of their meeting on July 29 at Archie Stouffer Elementary School, they still hadn't received approval for this budget. (Two weeks later, approval was still pending.)

One of the concerns raised is that the amalgamated school board, crudely named District School Board #15, may have to take money out of the classroom to absorb some of the mounting costs of merging the Muskoka, Victoria and Haliburton boards.

Besides being burdened with the increased workload because of downsizing, teachers and administrative staff have also been preoccupied with meetings throughout the summer to implement a new curriculum from Grade 1 to Grade 8. The additional cost of traveling to LEIC meetings that are held across the district is putting an "excessive" financial strain on board members, said Bonnie Kennedy, trustee for Victoria County.

The LEIC has been trying to schedule a sub-committee meeting with Spalding, committee chair Cheryl Murdoch and coordinator Dianne Daltonthe with the MPPs from Muskoka and Victoria-Haliburton. They want to discuss transition funding and their worries that amalgamation costs could come out of an already strained school board budget at the expense of the services for students.

Only the Muskoka MPP was able to attend; local MPP Chris Hodgson was unable to meet on that day because of a previous commitment, but his absence was seen as a snub by some committee members.

"I am disappointed that the other two reps are not going to appear," Murdoch said. "That indicates to me that they don't find this as important business as we do."

The LEIC needs approval from the Education Improvement Commission for all its decisions except for the task of deciding where to locate school board offices. The favoured option is a decentralized board with a main office for meetings and satellite sites for local accessibility.

But the questions of where this main office would be located and whether the committee would even have the funding to operate these sites are still unresolved.

Geography remains the dividing factor as to where the amalgamated board should meet. Sharon Summers, chair for the Victoria County board, pointed out that a central office would always leave a group of people with the daunting responsibility of traveling long distances for every meeting. They'll also be less likely to attend every meeting and their representation on the board could be hurt as a result.

"Two or three locations make more sense to maintain the feeling of closeness that Victoria has and I sense that other school boards have that also," Summers said.

The idea of a rotating school board held in different locations was likened to a traveling road show and would only be possible if the board could be guaranteed a resource centre at each location.

The committee is considering hiring a consultant to help decide how much each scenario would cost while keeping the students of these different areas in mind so as not to create an out-of-reach school board too far removed from the classroom.

Other suggestions included video conferencing, but this costly option has to be established at a local level and not all areas have the infrastructure in place yet. The more feasible 1-800 number might be the solution to field questions about job losses, programs or the location of the new school board.

Whatever option the committee chooses, it may be an interim decision with different scenarios being experimented with on a short-term basis.

As they inch slowly towards amalgamation, trustees are finding it difficult to make plans as to whether District School Board #15 should even have corporate headquarters at all considering it's members don't even know what role they'll be playing as trustees, what role parent councils will have and what the distribution of responsibility will be in the coming years.

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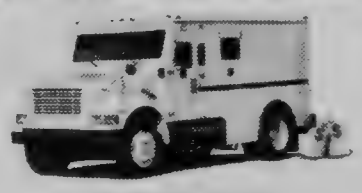

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BOOM Sailing on Kennisis Lake

The BOOM sailing course returned to the Highlands this summer. After sailing into Drag Lake, we caught up with instructors Brian Johansen and Kevin Gray at Kennisis Lake on the weekend. At right, Johansen gives a few pointers to Aisling McKeown and Nicole DeMarsh

Actual value assessment of cottages could raise taxes throughout Haliburton County

by Sylvia Winder

On Aug. 3, members of the Percy Lake Ratepayers assembled for their annual general meeting and were treated to two special guest speakers.

The first was Constable Dave Trepanier of the O.P.P. with a general review of boating safety. Trepanier went over some of the more familiar rules of the water, such as speed limits when close to shore and also expanded on some of the proposed changes for boating in 1998. One important item was the possibility of establishing an age limit for using personal watercraft or the necessity of certification for boaters under 16 years in order to drive boats with more than 10 horse power. Brochures were made available covering these details.

Our second speaker was Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey who explained that the proposal of actual value assessment may increase taxes throughout the county. It had been shown in other counties that this was the most expensive and most ineffective means of taxation. For example, there was no proposal to do individual property assessment, therefore, the assessment for an individual cottage would be based on collected data. He advised it would be best to check your assessment carefully. Coupled with this is the transfer of provincial highways to the county. Monies have been provided to cover two or three years, however there are many questions as to what happens after this. In addition, there is also the loss of revenue due to the forest tax rebate.

Briefly concerning county restructuring, he said this never really saves money. The county has held the line on costs but there is no compensation for good performance. There will be a further $2.5million to come out of the budget and there are not many more areas to cut. All of this does not apply to the school system which is also undergoing re-structuring.

The floor was opened to questions which ranged from the substance applied to the road, fire response time and Haliburton County amalgamating with smaller municipalities. Fearrey pointed out that the level of service has not changed but we may have to reduce in other areas. He mentioned, as this is an election year, that there will be an advance poll held for cottagers in North York on Oct. 25 at Centennial Centre.

The new president, Warren Currie, was announced and new owners were welcomed to the association. The Annual Fish Awards were distributed, and special mention goes to Matt Woodbridge for the Trout Award, Peter Delazzer the Bass Award and Derek Leger the Junior Bass Award.

Lions Club needs donations for annual flea market at the Dorset fire hall

DORSET *News*

Phyllis Briscoe
766-2237

We wish a happy birthday to Samantha Ellerington, Mary Howard, and Marlene Clarke.

Anniversary congratulations to Peggy and Johnny Walker who celebrated their 52nd on Aug. 18.

The Canadian National Exhibition opened its doors to the public on Aug. 15. The EX is a tradition of many years and is a great show. At one time, when life in cottage country started to wind down, it was an annual tradition for people on holidays to trek back to the Toronto area so they could spend some time at the big show.

I don't think that happens in recent years and the exodus of some of our summer population begins closer to Labor Day in order to get the youngsters ready for school.

Times change and people do also and time goes on.

The Dorset Lions Club is holding a Flea Market, on Saturday, Aug. 23. I'm sure you have found a few things missing at the cottage and you can probably find articles at the sale to fill in the gaps. There are a lot of treasures for local residents too.

The sale will be at the Dorset Fire Hall and any donations would be more than welcome.

Please call Dan Porniak, 788–2898. Sorry, they can't handle old mattresses or clothing.

The Lions Club has contributed a great deal to our area and is responsible many charitable and generous deeds that are unknown to the general public, and deserve everyone's support and help.

There will be a night of music at St. Mary Magdalenes Anglican Church in Dorset on Thursday, Aug. 21 at 7:30 p.m. As in past years, there will be a selection of choral music as well as other popular types music. It will be concluded with a hymn sing of well-known, popular hymns. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments will be served.

Ebba Russell recently enjoyed visitors from the West. Her son Ken and his wife, Lisa, arrived from British Columbia to spend a few weeks with Ebba. Having spent part of his early days living in Huntsville, Ken had not visited the area for over ten years, so noticed a great change both in Huntsville and Dorset.

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"Jam" packed week of events begins with flower show and special happy hour guests

SENIOR LEAGUE
Hyland Crest News

The Roving Reporters
286-2140

On Aug. 8, after some of us viewed a movie, or listened to a reading by Mary, we were chauffeured to the Minden Community Centre for "Blooms and Butterflies" hosted by the Minden and District Horticultural Society. It was wonderful to see the displays of so many flowers in all their glory.

In the afternoon, "Northern Jam" was here for happy hour. A quiet weekend followed, but that's okay since we need to gather our strength for upcoming events.

Monday afternoon we attended our monthly residents council meeting along with Gary McKnight. We helped to plan our upcoming trips for September. One of these is a day-long visit to the Haliburton Forest Wildlife Reserve where we hope to enjoy a picnic.

A warm welcome to Sid Roberts to our home. Sid was Road Superintendent for Dysart for 31 years. He joins his wife Ruby, who came a few weeks ago to be with us.

Thank you to Agnes Mullen and her niece for the lovely arrangement of flowers for our fashion show.

On Tuesday, Aug. 12, a memorial service for John Dicker was held in our chapel, pastor Power presiding. There were many who attended including some friends from outside our home.

In the afternoon, during the craft time, quite a few of us were trying to put the finishing touches to the decorations for our bus for the Minden Parade. We have been told that the name "Highland Rover" is ready to be put on our bus. This name was chosen by us some time ago. We think the name is very appropriate, don't you?

Wednesday we had our boat trip up the Scugog River. The weather was just great, a lovely day for the boat tour which lasted for approximately 2 1/2 hours. We enjoyed our specially prepared "bagged lunches" and we were looked after wonderfully. The day finished up with supper out in Lindsay. We all agreed that the organization was terrific. Thank you so much to our activity staff and volunteers who joined us.

It was great to have Tom McAllister and his wife, Dorie, back with us.

For those of us who stayed here that day, we gathered in the dining room for a bridal shower for Jenny Wright who is a member of our dietary staff. Jenny will be married in September and judging by the gifts and gales of laughter, a good time was had by all.

A happy Aug. 23 birthday goes out to Muriel Harrison.

Our tea party was served by the ladies of Minden Legion. It seems that dates were switched around and last week's tea party was with the ladies from Gelert. Our apologies for this mix up, and our thanks to both groups for taking time out to be with us and prepare the delicious goodies we enjoyed so much.

Before we sign off, a few words: a number of residents and staff are related in some way to those involved in the tragic accident last weekend. Our sympathy to them.

Bye for now. See you next week.

STANHOPE'S SUPERHIGHWAY: Sarah Levis, centre, is a youth employee for the Computer Access Program designed to encourage the use of technology in rural areas. Others, like Peter and Margaret Brogden, took advantage of the program by getting some helpful hints about surfing the net.

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A resurgence of interest surrounds opening of historical Eagle Lake limestone mines

From the RHUBARB PATCH

Ruth Still

Fifty years ago, the Second World War ended and new ventures sprouted like spring flowers. Eagle Lake attracted just such a venture to mine the native material, dolomite – a glistening white limestone rock which lies beneath our village and keeps our local lakes acid free.

When crushed and ground it is sought by egg producers and fed to hens to strengthen egg shells, or is used as an ornamental rock for walks or driveways or facades such as the huge fireplace at the PineStone Resort in Haliburton.

For more than 40 years village life was geared to the warning whistle of a detonation, the rumble of the huge crusher and the grating gears of monster trucks.

Then came the silence of a closed quarry.

Last week the sound of the crusher was heard again. Blasted rock stored in a shed is now being processed in a rising column of white dust which seems to be largely absorbed by surrounding forest before it affects local houses.

The crushed rock is bagged and stockpiled while new markets are searched. The four men re-employed hope to have work until at least November. A local industry is on track again.

A new gift shop "Rhubarb Patch crafts and collectibles", owned by Shelly Ball, has opened on County Road 6, 1/2 mile west of the store. It offers unique items at reasonable prices and is open summer long when the sign is out.

The flurry in the village this week was the preparation of two floats for the Rotary Carnival.

The August holiday weekend must surely be the garage sale event of the season; mute witness to all the excess items we collect or are willing to swap for someone else's excess items.

Kennisis Lake Regatta Results

Swimming:

Marathon Swim (Harper Trophy) – Jamie Desjardin, Jocelyn Desjardin and Tiffany Kent.

6 yrs. and Under Boys – Nicholas Fogerty, Brandon Stevens and Bobby Arpee.

6 yrs. and Under Girls – Frances Durie, Chelsea Saunders and Lydia Kovacs.

7 and 8 yr. Boys – Scott Blake, Ben Walker, Scott Arpee/Alex Budnick.

7 and 8 yr. Girls – Georgia Desjardins, Dayna Stevens and Allison Sutton.

9 and 10 yr. Boys – Ian Turner, Maxim Budnick and Luke Walker.

9 and 10 yr. Girls – Jillian Burley, Georgia Desjardins and Juliann Desjardins.

11 and 12 yr. Boys (McLean Trophy) – Joshua Brown, Caleb Walker and Paul Neuts.

11 and 12 yr. Girls (Butt Trophy) – Morgan Marchant, Kyla Parrish, Jodie Garner/Danielle Nobrega.

13 and 14 yr. Boys – Daryl Rodd, Dan Arpee and Michael Royal.

13 and 14 yr. Girls – Emily Heuts, Taylor Marchant, Audra Richardson/Liz Goldenberg.

15 and 16 yr. Boys – Jamie Desjardins, Josh Brown and Caleb Walker.

15 and 16 yr. Girls – Jocelyn Desjardins, Emily Heuts and Danielle Nobrega/Hart.

14 yr. old Boys vs. Girls (Reed Trophy) – Daryl Rodd, Dan Arpee and Emily Heuts.

2 yrs. and Under flipper race Boys vs. Girls – Josh Brown, Sandy McLachlin and Brittany Warrington.

6 and Under flipper race Boys vs. Girls – Josh Brown, Audra Richardson and Kim Blake.

Afternoon Events:

Log Rolling (Perry Morrison Trophy) – Denise Ball, Darryl Ball.

Paddle Boat Race (Court Trophy) – Kevin and Megan Boate, Jaren and Kylan Bourke (Lauren Ward), and Jennifer and Laura DeMille.

Open Canoe Race (Glista Wilkinson Trophy) – Jeff Pinkney, Digby Bourke and Dave Brown.

Backwards Canoe Race (2 men/2 women) – Balls, Saunders and DeMille.

In and Out Canoe Race (Vermeersch Trophy) – Saunders, Denise and Darrell Ball, and Burch/Medd.

Canoe Race 150 yrs. and Over (Generation Trophy) – Saunders, Burch's, and Brown's.

Swim Race 17 yrs. and over Men (Phillipe Trophy) – Jamie Desjardins, Mike Fox and Danny Blake.

Swim Race 17 yrs. and Over Women (D. MacKenzie Trophy) – Jocelyn Desjardins, Carmel Tindale-Fox and Anna Luka.

T-Shirt Swim Relay (4 people/team) – Brown Family, Medd Family and Tunney Family.

Canoe Race 16 and Under Boys and Girls (Sanders Trophy) – Bradley Family, Smith/Smith/Miron/Jones, and Bourke/Ward.

Canoe Race 17 and Over Men and Women (Kennisis Lake Marina Trophy) – Saunders, Brown family, Danielle/Denne Glista, Gord/DJ DeMille.

Family Members Canoe Race (Benson Trophy) – Saunders, Halls and DeMilles.

Egg Toss – Miles Richardson/Brad McCaffery and Bourke/Saunders

Horseshoe Tournament – Brad Fraser and Jim Fraser, Russell Dunn and Brian Dunn, and Ross McKenzie and Alex Bradley.

Fun Day Events:

Balloon Toss Boys – Jaren Burke/Craig Ward, and Adam Abraham/Kevin Boats.

Balloon Toss Girls – Jennifer Pearson/Kim Blake and Victoria Morrison/Brian Morrison.

Bubble Gum Blowing (6 and Under) – Katie Holmes, Frances Durie and Chelsea Saunders.

Bubble Gum Blowing (6 - 12 yrs.) – Sarah Bainbridge, Jaren Burke and Kate McBride.

Bubble Gum Blowing (13 yrs. and Over) – Scott Burley, Susan Watts and Larry Bradley.

Hometown memories of a friend who is gone but never forgotten

WEST GUILFORD *News*

Eleanor Cooper
754-2388

The grief is pervasive. Which of us who knew him are not grief-stricken by the sudden death of Bobby Sisson? Whatever we feel, the grief of his parents, Martin and Vicky and the loss to his brother and sister is a much greater suffering.

Remembered first, Bob was the little boy who came so often to St. Andrew's with his grandparents, Don and Marj Sisson. He would always turn and hug Aunt Elva or "my little Bobby" as he was known to her.

Time went on and he grew from small to tall. His talent for entertaining became evident. His courtesy, good looks, and enthusiasm for living coupled with musical ability and unmistakable dramatic talent endeared him to staff and students alike.

In school he contributed considerably to the drama club playing either sad or comedic roles, from Chaucer which rolled naturally off his tongue to his final role as Mr. Phillip in "Anne of Green Gables". He never took the perfection of his part for granted but worked to improve his initial perception of the role, co-operating well with cost and crew.

Now, sprung suddenly from earth, what role will he be playing in heavenly drama? Imagine his meeting the playwrights of elder days? Imagine the welcome by his Maker in recognition of his well-used talents. We will miss him so much.

Let us keep in touch with the family often, that their bereavement might be made bearable by the support of those of us who knew and loved him too.

Good bye again to Sid and Louise Cooper as they depart once more for their second and last term of teaching at Seoul International School. Many are the visits they have managed to squeeze in during their weeks at home. One such was a two-day visit from fellow teachers whose homes in North Carolina, Larry and Lois de Montegre.

Company at the Hlywkas' this summer included brief visits from their children Penny, Lee and Andrew and a week ago Thursday, from Ken and Ruth Sawyer, Carl and Morris Sawyer, Wilda La Rue, and Ray and Murray Scott.

Valerie and Judy Henderson recently enjoyed a three-day trip to New York to attend a Garth Brooks concert.

Rob and Jean Henderson were visited by Pauline and Alan Billings from New Zealand.

Bernie and Heather Nichol were back in Guilford from California for a week with their twins, Flynn and McKenna. Bernie participated in the Bib Brothers Golf Tournament in Orillia during this time.

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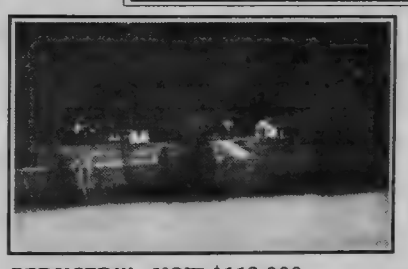

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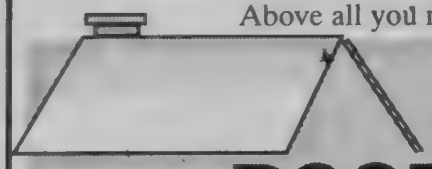

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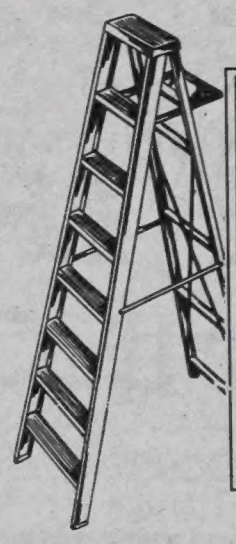

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The Clarke family entertains with music, and stained windows delight with colour

CARNARVON *News*

Ann McKay
489-2924

We were pleased to welcome home Marian McClellan following her surgery and wish her well.

Visiting in the area are Garnet and Violet Coulter of Campbell River, British Columbia, also her brother Fred and his wife of Thessalon. They attended the Cowan family reunion in West Guilford.

Also visiting with relatives are Mr. and Mrs. Phil Allcorn of Toronto and her sister Lila Harrison of California.

An evening of music was held at Maple Lake Church on Sunday evening with local musicians entertaining. Proceeds to go to the Manse Carport which is in need of repair.

It was a special Sunday at Zion. We were again privileged to have the Clark family singers take the service with their beautiful music.

Also on the same Sunday two stained glass windows were dedicated to the loving memory of Sinclair and Mabel Russell and to Ross Harrison and a tribute to his wife Muriel.

The families of these faithful past members of the congregation and ardent workers were in attendance, gathering at the home of Ron Russell following the service.

Again there was a sell-out of our Roast Beef Dinner on Thursday. Many thanks to all who bought tickets and the willing workers who made it such a success.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Penney have been enjoying a visit with their two grandchildren.

Tenders & Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Ministry of Natural Resources has received a proposal from High Falls Energy Corporation to construct a weir approximately 1 metre high across the Irondale River at Lot 6, Con. 6, Monmouth Twp. (High Falls)

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MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL

TENDER – SIDEWALK RECONSTRUCTION

For the removal and replacement of approximately 1,300 sq. ft. of concrete sidewalk – Pine St. east side between George St. and Victoria St. Site meeting will be arranged with Gary MacDonald on Thursday, August 21, 1997 at above location at 9:00 a.m. at which time specifications will be discussed. Contractor will be required to supply proof of Workers Compensation Registration and liability insurance ($2,000,000).

Lowest or any quotation not necessarily accepted.

Tenders will be accepted at the Municipal Office, P.O. Box 389, Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0 until noon Friday, August 29, 1997.

Municipality of Dysart et al

NOTICE

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al has by resolution declared a portion of a shoreline road allowance in front of Part of Lot 17, in Concession X, on Bitter Lake, in the Township of Guilford, in the County of Haliburton, to be surplus.

NOW THEREFORE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al proposes to enact at its regular meeting to be held on Monday, September 8th, 1997, a by-law to close, stop-up and convey part of the said shoreline road allowance in front of Part Lot 17, in Concession X, on Bitter Lake, in the Township of Guilford, in the County of Haliburton.

WHICH SAID PARCEL or tract of land is illustrated and shown as Part 1 on a preliminary reference plan, prepared Paul Wilson, OLS, and dated June 25, 1997, being available for inspection in the office of the Planning Administrator at the Municipal Office in Haliburton, Ontario.

BEFORE PASSING the said by-law at its meeting to be held as noted above, the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al shall then and there hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his land will be affected by the said by-law.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION is available for review from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular offices hours (9:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday to Friday).

DATED at the Township of Dysart, this 25th day of July, 1997.

Patricia E. Martin
M.C.I.P., R.P.P.
Planning Administrator

Municipality of Dysart et al

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al proposes to enact at its regular meeting to be held on Monday, September 8th, 1997, a by-law to close, stop-up and convey part of a Colonization Road, known as the Old Kennaway Road Road, located in the general vicinity of Paradise Lake, in Part of Lot 27, in Concession IV, in the Township of Dysart, in the County of Haliburton.

WHICH SAID PARCEL or tract of land is illustrated and shown as Part 2 on a preliminary reference plan, prepared H. Curry Bishop, OLS, and dated February 15, 1996, being available for inspection in the office of the Planning Administrator at the Municipal Office in Haliburton, Ontario.

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A large turnout for the Murchison family reunion

Fifty-two family members of all ages gather at the Murchison's Acton farm on Aug. 3

The Murchison family reunion was held in Acton, on Sunday, Aug. 3 at the farm of Angus and Verna Murchison.

Fifty-two members of the family attended. The oldest there was Angus Murchison and the youngest attending was Coltan Murchison, son of Johnny and Shirley Murchison.

Those attending came from Dunnville, Hamilton, Cayuga, Mississauga, Acton, Woodville, Coboconk, Lindsay, Victoria Road and Petawawa.

Congratulations to Laurine Bradamore who celebrated her "senior" birthday recently.

Congratulations to Dr. Brian McNaull who celebrates his birthday on Aug. 30.

The Kellett family reunion was held at the home of Carl and Helen Baldwin recently, with a good attendance.

The Legion's delicious smorgasbord dinner was very well attended on Aug. 2.

The Coboconk L.C.B.O. store was broken into on the weekend, although I have not heard how much was taken.

COBOCONK
News

Sheila Lake
454-2314

The Rev. Paul and Cathy Vannus and family have enjoyed their summer vacation.

The David Orr family enjoyed a trip to the eastern provinces.

Wayne and Terry Suggitt report a most enjoyable holiday on a cruise to Alaska.

Hilda Janza and Laura Mepham from Maple Ridge, British Columbia enjoyed a long holiday with their brother, Jack Batty and his wife, Jean, and other family members.

Thane and Terry Yeo enjoyed a trip and holiday to Prince Edward Island and visited relatives there, as well as in New Brunswick.

Elva Hannivan was in the hospital recently, but is doing well at home.

Husband Grant, also Dorothy Powell celebrated their birthdays on July 30.

Eva Pearce also had a recent birthday.

Sympathy goes out to the family of the late Deane Morrison, who passed away at Ross memorial Hospital last week. She was 86 years old. Morrison was raised just south east of Coboconk, and lived at Bexley before moving to Lindsay.

Hazel Young recently celebrated her 90th birthday.

Visitors with Gordon and Joyce Kay last week were Vivian Metcalf from Campbellford and Marilyn Bennett and the twins from Trent River, also granddaughter Melody and family from Toronto.

Shirley Russell is doing well following her hospital stay with a broken hip.

Congratulations to Jack and Margaret Lewis, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary recently.

Firefighters were out battling a blaze on Galway Road at Kinmount on Friday. Do take extra care and make sure you completely extinguish your campfire since grass and trees have been dry this summer.

Maxine Hughes has enjoyed visits from lots of her friends and relatives. Those who have visited her over the past couple of weeks are: Wendy and husband, Stephen Golloher from Minnesota. Wendy is her niece, and is just back from Russia. She received an achievement award from her company, General Electric, and was sent on the trip.

Two sisters, Mrs. Carl Bell of Peterborough Mrs. Audrey Hicks of Toronto, and sister-in-law, Marjorie Hughes from Peterborough visited Maxine. Another niece, Mrs. Rick Leder from Brampton, as well as Mr. and Mrs. Lou Reil from Peterborough.

Betty Adams from Tottenham visited several friends here last week.

John Faulkner of Peterborough, and Rev. Art Bartlett and his wife Ruth, of Lindsay, visited Myrtle Faulkner and her nephew, Lawrence Davis, last week. The Rev. Bartletts leave Sept. 1 from Ghana West Africa for a missions trip.

Gary Swain was discharged from hospital on Sunday afternoon. Aug. 10, following treatment for a heart attack last week. Get well wishes from all your friends, Gary!

Everett and Jessie Cameron were visitors of their son, Gary and Suzanne Cameron, and family, at Orillia last week.

Cliff and Grace Ferguson and Marlene of Lindsay, were recent visitors of Grace's aunt, Leona Jewell.

Kurk Lewis, wife and family, from Edmonton, Alberta have been visiting his parents, Jack and Marg Lewis.

We enjoyed a recent visit from Martin Ledig, of Markham.

Emanuel Praise, a Gospel Singing group, provided the musical program at the Sunday night outdoor service, at the I.G.A. parking lot on Aug. 10.

A Decoration Day Service was held at Pine Grove Cemetery on Sun. Aug. 17 at Norland.

I visited a friend, Stella McLeish in Lindsay last week.

Evelyn Marles, from North York, spent a week with her father, David Marles, then joined a friend, Mary Kershaw, also from North York, where they enjoyed a great week at the Fairhaven Bible Camp, at Bolsover, returning to North York on Saturday.

Visits to all points in Canada occupy summer travel plans

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